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Docket No: Q78079 In re application of Eiko KATO, et al. Appln. No.: Based on PCT/JP2004/015457 Confirmation No.: Unknown Group Art Unit: Unknown Filed: April 13, 2006 Examiner: Unknown For: AGENT FOR SKIN EXTERNAL USE CONTAINING SALT OF ASCORBIC ACID DERIVATIVE, METHOD FOR STABILIZING THE AGENT FOR SKIN EXTERNAL USE, AND STABILIZER PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages. TABLE OF CONTENTS

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